

ATTACHMENT #5



First Things First SFY 2014 Quality First and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Policy Implementation:

All programs must have a 3, 4 or 5 star rating to be eligible for Pre-K Scholarships. To receive a star rating, programs must be enrolled in Quality First. There are multiple ways to fund Quality First for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship recipients.

- Full Participation Quality First with Quality First Scholarships – these programs will receive the full QF package of services and both Quality First Child Care Scholarships and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.
- Full Participation Quality First without Quality First Scholarships – these programs will receive the full QF package of services and only Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.
- Rating Only – these programs will receive 6 months of coaching during the year that this is funded and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.

In FY2014 (July 1, 2013) and beyond, these programs must already be rated at a 3 star or higher to continue any configuration of funding stated above.

If a program achieves a star rating below 3 stars in FY 2013, the following options can be considered...

Programs Already Enrolled in Full Participation Quality First:

- Program can remain in Full Participation Quality First and receive the base number of Quality First Scholarships
- Program can remain in Full Participation Quality First and receive double the cap of Quality First Scholarships
- Program can remain in Full Participation quality First and receive over double the cap of Quality First Scholarships with submission and approval of a waiver*

Programs Enrolled in Rating Only Quality First:

- Not funding the program to continue in either Quality First or Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships.
- Funding the program in Full Participation Quality First with the base number of Quality First Scholarships
- Funding the program in Full Participation Quality First with double the cap of Quality First Scholarships
- Funding the program in Full Participation Quality First with over double the cap of Quality First Scholarships with submission and approval of a waiver*

*The Quality First Scholarship waiver can be provided by the Regional Director to programs that were receiving Pre-K Scholarships who do not meet the 3 – 5 star levels. The program will complete the waiver, which includes information regarding why the program is requesting over double the cap and what other funding sources might be available for blending and braiding funding (i.e. Title I, DES Subsidy, IDEA, Parent Fees, Community Ed., CTE, Philanthropic, etc.).